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SUBJECT: REPEAL OF TAIWAN STRAIT RESOLUTION

REF: TAIPEI 3365 (NOTAL)

1. ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, THE FULL SENATE PASSED THE
FY 1975 STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL WHICH
CONTAINED A SECTION REPEALING THE FORMOSA STRAIT
RESOLUTION. AUTHORIZATION BILL HAS NOW BONE TO THE
HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE
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QUESTION: WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON

REPEAL OF THE FORMOSA STRAIT RESOLUTION?

ANSWER: THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PROMPTED THE RESOLUTION HAVE, OF COURSE, LONG SINCE PASSED. THERE IS NO CHANGE FROM THE POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS WHEN THIS ISSUE HAS COME UP: WE NEITHER FAVOR NOR OPPOSE REPEAL. OUR COMMITMENT IS CONTAINED IN THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954.

QUESTION: DOESN'T REPEAL OF THE FORMOSA STRAIT RESOLUTION AFFECT OUR DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO THE ROC?

ANSWER: NO. THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BEFORE OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE ROC WENT INTO EFFECT IN 1955. OUR DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO THE ROC IS CONTAINED IN THAT TREATY. REPEAL OF THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT AFFECT EITHER THE COMMITMENT OR OUR ABILITY TO MEET IT.

QUESTION: DIDN'T THE RESOLUTION COVER A BROADER AREA, I.E., THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS OF QUEMOY AND MATSU?

ANSWER: THE TREATY COVERS THE FULL RANGE OF OUR COMMITMENT.

3. SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN RAISED IN PRESS BRIEFINGS
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